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cautious counsels in the end has been due to Sir GEORGE GRAY's influence. Throughout his career he has always been in favour of a conciliatory policy towards the natives, and has more than once incurred much odium through this pursuit of it. In 1847, after the Wainman massacre, instead of confiscating the block he then in dispute, he bought it, and thus for a few hundred pounds achieved what a vast expenditure of blood and treasure might have

It is plain that the true policy for New Zealand, in the present contingency, is one of masterly inactivity, and indeed it seems to be universally recognised to be so throughout the colony, except, perhaps, in the neighbourhood of the disputed block. A second Waikato war, now-a-days, would indeed be hardly possible. The interior of the North

land is, thanks to many years of colonial policy, traversed by roads in all directions, along which constabulary posts could be stationed so as effectively to localise the disturbed area. At the period of former disturbances, though the island was nominally the property of her Majesty, practically it was only in certain scattered coast settlements that her authority was recognised. Now nearly all these settlements have inter-

communication and traffic by land. Without full knowledge of the circumstances of the case, however, we might easily underestimate the capacities of the natives for mischief. Where a settlement has a large amount of open country about it, there is practically nothing to fear; but when it is in the neighbourhood of the impenetrable forest, there is much to be feared. It was owing to its neighbourhood to the bush that New Plymouth suffered so heavily.

as it did during the Taranaki war, and from the same cause there is no saying that it would not suffer similarly again. A native war, moreover, even one of not very serious dimensions, would mean for New Zealand a suspension of immigration, practical exclusion from the London money market, and a serious fall in the value of property. On the other hand, if

The scare occasioned among English manufacturers by the increasing competition to which they

have of late been subjected by American and Continental rivals runs, like most other scares, into frequent excesses. The American and Continental manufacturers might almost have dispensed with advertisements, so markedly have they been commended to the attention of British buyers by the outcries of the British manufacturers. From so much agitation and such obvious terror, the boys could scarcely fail to infer that the British makers were conscious that they could not, once comparisons began, stand against the favour likely to

be won by their rivals. An instance of this sort of overdone agitation recently occurred in English hardware manufacturing circles, by a rumour that in a large contract for the War Office all the locks for the building were of American manufacture. A deputation of manufacturers from the lock-making town of Willenhall thereupon, by permission from the War Office, hastened down to inspect and ascertain whether the country had truly been betrayed in this shocking fashion or not. Their practical energy was not without

its reward, for although they discovered that matters were not so bad as had been represented, and that only a proportion of the locks employed were of American make, they incidentally routed out a very nice little contracting job enjoyed by the provider of all the locks—every specification requiring that none but this person's locks should be used—and they further had the satisfaction of showing to the eye of the world that what American locks there were were very poor affairs indeed, some of them imitations of locks of Willenhall.

make, with the difference that for good, honest, wrought iron frames and bolts and shims of brass, the ingenuity of our American cousin had substituted brittle cast iron throughout. The deposition has, of course, made a report which triumphantly concludes that there is little danger for the English lock trade. It would be difficult, they say, to find any industry in the world where the cost of production and labour is so keenly cut down, and in which both labour and material are so strictly economized. They are

confident that so far looks can be made cheaper and better in the Willenhall district than in any place in the world. This is decidedly cheering, but there is, if anything, too sudden and prodigious a revolution expressed in it. The deputation write as though, in viewing the cheap rubbish of a favoured Government contractor, they had examined American looks for the first time in their lives, and accepted these as specimens of the best things in that line which America could turn out. They do not even seem to have been at the trouble

The indictment lately brought by Mr. McElwain against the young man who enjoys the twofold

advantage of being the son of his father and chief in the Under Secretary for Education's office, is of a nature very different from the ordinary run of the accusations which the member for the Upper Hunter has made it his apparent business in Parliament to prefer. It is supported by documentary evidence of a very explicit nature, and although it would be improper to forestall the verdict which will doubtless shortly be given by the Minister in charge of the Department, or even to anticipate, while the accused remains unheard in his defence, what

that verdict will be, it is patent that Mr. McELRONE has for once departed from the practice of converting unsupported rumour or malicious gossip into serious charges, and has really done a service by bringing before the Assembly a case prima facie established sufficiently to warrant its submission to the notice of Parliament and the public. In fact, Mr. McELRONE himself seems conscious that he stands upon unusually solid ground. In lieu of indulging in the flourish of abusive inference and insinuation,

which not infrequently he has appeared to regard as acceptable substitution for tangible proof or serious corroboration of his accusations, he has condescended to assure the Assembly that he had refused to move in this matter until he had satisfied himself of the genuineness of the letters shown him. This remarkable abnegation and restraint cannot but be regarded, from the point of view which we have always taken, as being other than extremely gratifying. It is something that Mr. McElhenny has

his own motion, supplied a test by which the significance of any one among his past and future accusations may be tried. Unless he gives the assurance that he has refused to move until he has satisfied himself, not only that he has evidence to adduce, but that such evidence is genuine, Mr. McElwaine need hope for no attention hereafter. We think it right to congratulate Mr. McElwaine, and the public generally, on the improvement that has been effected in him, and it shows that the Press comments which he has alternately resented

and despised have done him good—breached the
privilege though they would have been were the
law as some hon. members would like to have it to
be. Wa hōra his reformation will ~~come~~

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JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, A CARDINAL.

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Whatever may be said of the Court of Rome, it can certainly be affirmed, without much chance of contradiction, that it keeps some most distinguished men waiting a very long time for its honours. In the latest case, and one which for a variety of reasons will have a deeper interest to our Englishmen than any other of the kind, the matter is made plain by the substance of the Bull of Sixtus V. concerning the essential requirements for the dignity of the cardinalate might, as far as age was concerned, have been scrupulously observed from the day Dr. Newman became a Catholic. He was then forty-four years of age, or fourteen years older than the period prescribed in the generally understood canon as to the maximum age of the candidates. But as far as the public have been permitted to know, no hint of the elevation of Dr. Newman to this dignity has ever been given; and, in his case, it is not difficult to presume that the supposition of secrecy as to the objects of this greatness, and the ignorance of the honour on the part of the individual upon whom it is bestowed, is a reasonable, indeed, to think that Dr. Newman is too near the end of his great and most eventful life to feel anything but a kind of disturbance of his well won peace in any distinctions. The new Cardinal is in his seventy-eighth year, and it is nearly thirty years since he graduated at Oxford, taking classical honours. The space of time since a famous one in England. There is a kind of tender farewell to the world in his remarkable autobiography, to which we shall presently refer, which was published in 1864; and in his letter to the Duke of Norfolk, dated December 27, 1874, there is an affecting paragraph in which he intimates that he is about to depart upon his last journey, and that he will in all probability be the last which he will give to the world.

"For myself it is the compensation for a very unpleasant task, and I, who belong to a generation that is fast fading away, am thus enabled, in what is likely to be my last public publication, to associate myself with the noblest of our race. I am now a sort of young promise—whose career is before him."—Letter to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl Marshal of England.

The interest in everything pertaining to a human life is perhaps in his case, most keenly and most justly aroused. It is not only in English and in English-speaking countries, but in every capital and university of Europe, that he has been (since he joined her communion) regarded as intellectually the most distinguished member of the Roman Catholic Church. In his own country for a quarter of a century his name has been a name of power, and his words have been the most hostile organs of opinion without expressions of reverence for his personal character and admiration of his commanding genius. There was one exception. In the number for January, 1864, of a popular magazine, a novelist of celebrity, in an article on Queen Elizabeth, ventured to question Dr. Newman's character for veracity, and one of the most distinguished and most distinguished writers of literature likewise makes the result of this attack. In his republication of the "*Apologia pro vita sua*," in 1875, Dr. Newman omits (his accuser having been in his grave for some years previously) all that was merely personal and ephemeral in all that magnificent reply to a slander, which he, not too much to say, amazed all England, when he (the single exception of the charge) was made.

Dr. Newman's life and his long and arduous career, the men of the highest culture of England—without regard to their religious opinions—have been of the most cordial character. And yet his withdrawal from the Church of England on the 8th October, 1845, was on all sides regarded as one of the most memorable events of the last half-century. Of the sensation created at the time by the circumstance it would be impossible to give any adequate idea, except by the reproduction of innumerable articles in all kinds of journals and magazines—the charges of bishops—and, indeed, the republication of half the religious literature of the day. Dr. Newman was at the time being practically engaged in the humble duties of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and in the government of a house of the order of St. Philip Neri, resident in a suburb of Birmingham (a life interrupted for some time by his acceptance of the principality of the Irish Church University), he was at the time being practically engaged in the humble duties of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and in the government of a house of the order of St. Philip Neri, resident in a suburb of Birmingham (a life interrupted for some time by his acceptance of the principality of the Irish Church University), he was at the time being practically engaged in the humble duties of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and in the government of a house of the order of St. Philip Neri, resident in a suburb of Birmingham (a life interrupted for some time by his acceptance of the principality of the Irish Church University), he was at the time being practically engaged in 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